

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Examiner's final Office Action of January 30, 2008 issued with respect to the present RCE application, the Applicant respectfully submits the accompanying Amendment of the claims and the below Remarks

Regarding Amendment

In the Amendment:

independent claim 1 is amended to clarify that by the recitation "connected" in the wherein clause, it is meant that the printhead module, the flexible printed circuit board and the drive electronics printed circuit board are all able to move along the casing. Support for this amendment can be found, for example, at page 13, line 26-page 14, line 21 of the present specification; and

dependent claims 2-6 are unchanged.

It is respectfully submitted that the Amendment does not add new matter to the present application, nor any new issues to the prosecution of the present application.

Regarding 35 USC 103(a) Rejections

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of amended independent claim 1, and claims 2-6 dependent therefrom, is not taught or suggested by any one or more of previously cited Silverbrook '082 and '908 and Ishikawa in view of newly cited Takayama et al. (US 5,173,718), for at least the following reasons.

The Examiner newly cited Takayama to purportedly teach movement of a connected printhead module and printed circuit board along a casing. However, Takayama specifically discloses that the connector board 17 is held fast to the support member 2 by the presser member 21 and screws 25 (see col. 5, lines 6-20). Thus, unlike the claimed invention in which all of the printhead module, the flexible printed circuit board and the drive electronics printed circuit board are able to move along the casing, Takayama only discloses that the head circuit board 12 is able to expand relative to the support member 2.

Thus, no combination of Silverbrook '082 and '908, Ishikawa and Takayama would result in the claimed arrangement recited in amended independent claim 1, and claims 2-6 dependent therefrom.

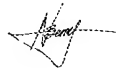
It is respectfully submitted that the Examiner's rejections have been traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

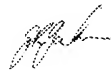
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